

HOUSE No. 4527

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Dylan A. Fernandes and Julian Cyr

To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in General Court assembled:

The undersigned legislators and/or citizens respectfully petition for the adoption of the accompanying bill:

An Act relative to the Steamship Authority audit report.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Dylan A. Fernandes</i>	<i>Barnstable, Dukes and Nantucket</i>	<i>2/8/2022</i>
<i>Julian Cyr</i>	<i>Cape and Islands</i>	<i>2/24/2022</i>

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By Representative Fernandes of Falmouth and Senator Cyr, a joint petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Dylan A. Fernandes and Julian Cyr relative to the Steamship Authority audit reports. Transportation.

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Second General Court
(2021-2022)**

An Act relative to the Steamship Authority audit report.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 3 of chapter 701 of the acts of 1960, as most recently amended by
2 sections 3 and 4 of chapter 429 of the acts of 2002, is hereby further amended in the second
3 paragraph:

4 by striking the word “his” and inserting in place thereof the word “the”;

5 and by adding the following sentence at the end thereof:-

6 No member shall serve more than three full terms; provided, that a member appointed to
7 fill a vacancy may serve three full terms after serving the unexpired portion of the former
8 member.

9 SECTION 2. Section 4 of said chapter 701, as most recently amended by sections 3 and 4
10 of chapter 429 of the acts of 2002, is hereby further amended by adding after subsection (j) the
11 following subsection:-

12 (k) To employ a chief operating officer, who shall be responsible for improving the
13 management and performance of the Authority, and who shall report directly to the general
14 manager and shall be subject to the authority of the general manager. The chief operating officer
15 shall:

16 (i) provide overall organization management to improve agency performance and achieve
17 the mission and goals of the Authority through the use of strategic and performance planning,
18 measurement, analysis, regular assessment of progress, and use of performance information to
19 improve the results achieved;

20 (ii) advise and assist the general manager in carrying out the requirements of chapter 701;

21 (iii) oversee efforts to improve management functions within the Authority; and

22 (iv) coordinate and collaborate with relevant personnel within and external to the
23 Authority

24 SECTION 3. Notwithstanding section 3 of chapter 701 of the acts of 1960, as amended
25 herein, members serving on the Steamship Authority Board who have served three full terms as
26 of the effective date of this act may complete the remainder of their term and may serve an
27 additional term immediately after their current term expires.